

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KUALA 01052 150905Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 DODE-00 HEW-04 AGRE-00
DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 JUSE-00 NSAE-00 SNM-02 TRSE-00
USIA-06 NSC-05 OES-06 OMB-01 /066 W
-----150918Z 045095 /10

R 150642Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6264

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

US MISSION GENEVA 355

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KUALA LUMPUR 1052

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, MY, XC

SUBJECT: OPIUM--THE STATISTICAL MORASS

REF: STATE 018257

1. THE GOM HAS ESTIMATED IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT ABOUT 150,000 PERSONS ARE ADDICTED TO HEROIN, MORPHONE OR OPIUM. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF THE ADDICT POPULATION IN MALAYSIA, HOWEVER, AND THIS FIGURE IS AS UNCERTAIN AS THOSE PROVIDED BY MOST POSTS TAKING PART IN THIS ACCOUNTING EXERCISE. KEEPING IN MIND THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN DEFINING AN ADDICT, DEA HERE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KUALA 01052 150905Z

ESTIMATES THE NUMBER OF HEROIN ADDICTS AS CLOSER TO 75,000. MOST ADDICTS SMOKE HEROIN AND INJECTION IS THE EXCEPTION IN MALAYSIA, ALTHOUGH SYRINGES ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION. NO. 3 HEROIN IS THE ACCEPTED OPIATE OF THE YOUNGER ADDICT POPULATION. NO. 4 HEROIN IS SCARCE DUE TO ITS PROHIBITIVE COST. THERE IS ALSO A TRADITIONAL AND UNCOUNTE

OPIUM ADDICT POPULATION, ESPECIALLY AMONG OLDER CHINESE.

2. THE MALAYSIAN POLICE ESTIMATE THAT THE AVERAGE HEROIN ADDICT USES THREE TUBES OF 5 MILLIGRAMS EACH PER DAY AT COST OF M\$5.00 (US\$2.00) PER TUBE. IF THE ACTUAL HEROIN ADDICT POPULATION IS NEAR THE DEA ESTIMATE OF 75,000 AND EACH ADDICT CONSUMES 1.5 GRAMS OF HEROIN PER DAY, THEN THERE IS A TOTAL DAILY CONSUMPTION OF 100-125 KILOGRAMS, OR 35,000 TO 45,000 KILOGRAMS PER YEAR. SINCE NO. 3 HEROIN CONSUMED IN MALAYSIA IS 35 TO 50PCT PURE, THIS WOULD MEAN AN ANNUAL IMPORTATION IN THE RANGE OF 12,000 TO 23,000 KILOGRAMS OF PURE HEROIN (OR THE OPIUM EQUIVALENT FOR REFINING IN LOCAL LABS).

3. A RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE UN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD ESTIMATES THAT 50,000 LBS. OF OPIUM PER YEAR IS SMUGGLED INTO MALAYSIA AND 22,000 LBS. ARE RE-XPORTED. IF THE REPORT MISTAKENLY USED "OPIUM" INSTEAD OF "HEROIN," AND IF THE LOW ESTIMATES IN PARA 2 ABOVE ARE THE MORE ACCURATE, THE UN FIGURE OF A LOCAL CONSUMPTION OF 27,000 LBS. (12,000 KILOGRAMS) ANNUALLY MAY BEAR SOME RELATION TO OUR CALCULATIONS.

4. COMMENT. THESE STATISTICS ARE THE RESULT OF CALCULATIONS APPLIED TO GOMFIGURES TEMPERED BY PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENTS ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 KUALA 01052 150905Z

ELEMENTS OF ADDICT POPULATION, DOSAGE AND PURITY. THE MISSION FEELS THAT THE TOTAL FIGURES ARE STILL TOO HIGH GIVEN THE SIZE OF MALAYSIA'S TOTAL POPULATION OF 12 MILLION.
UNDERHILL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: OPIUM, DRUG CONTROL, DATA
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 15-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KUALA01052
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770053-0331
Format: TEL
From: KUALA LUMPUR
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770241/aaaabkib.tel
Line Count: 102
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3542cec6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 18257
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3321727
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OPIUM--THE STATISTICAL MORASS
TAGS: SNAR, MY, XC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3542cec6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009